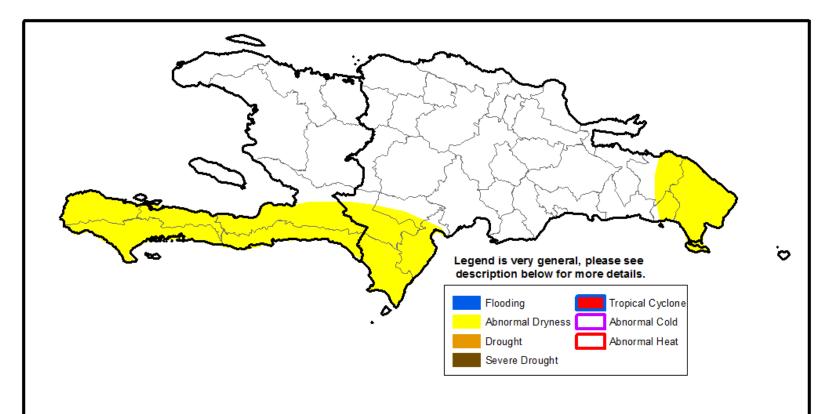


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook July 14 – July 20, 2016

Abnormal dryness is continuing to develop in eastern Dominican Republic



During the past week, parts of central Haiti received the greatest amounts of rain. Totals of more than 50mm of rain were recorded by satellite estimates. Moderate rainfall was more scattered in nature across the rest of the island, with suppressed rainfall continuing in far eastern Dominican Republic. Barely any rainfall was observed in the eastern most provinces. In general, precipitation was below normal for the island. An uneven distribution of rainfall over the past couple of months has led to moisture deficits across southern Haiti and southwestern Dominican Republic, where deficits have ranged between 50-100 mm. Impacts may be minimal as most maize and bean crops have already made it to advanced development stages. A week of average or above-average precipitation may facilitate removal of abnormal dryness in these areas. Greater moisture deficits are now present in northwestern and eastern Dominican Republic, where negative anomalies are on the order of 200mm. During the next week, largely near or slightly below-normal rainfall accumulations are expected over Hispaniola. The most substantial rains are expected to be localized over central Dominican Republic and southern Haiti.